

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of operating a web site, comprising:
2 coordinating states of a web site, the states including code which may be
3 executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and
4 maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the states having
5 access to the environment.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 the coordinating and maintaining are performed by a state machine; and
3 the state machine interacting with the states.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein:
2 maintaining the environment includes creating and managing environment
3 data.

1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein:
2 interacting with the states includes receiving indications of success or
3 failure from the states, supplying environment data to the states and receiving
4 changes to environment data from the states.

1 5. A system for operating a web site with a state machine, comprising:

2 means for coordinating states of a web site, the states including code
3 which may be executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and
4 means for maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the
5 states having access to the environment.

1 6. The system of claim 5, further comprising:
2 means for interacting with the states.

1 7. A machine-readable medium embodying a plurality of instructions,
2 the plurality of instructions when executed by a processor, causing the processor
3 to perform the method comprising:
4 coordinating states of a web site, the states including code which may be
5 executed to effect the display and actions of the web site; and
6 maintaining an environment of the web site, the code of the states having
7 access to the environment.

1 8. The machine-readable medium of claim 7 embodying additional
2 instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing
3 the processor to perform the method wherein:
4 the coordinating and maintaining are performed by a state machine; and
5 the state machine interacting with the states.

1 9. The machine-readable medium of claim 8 embodying additional
2 instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing
3 the processor to perform the method wherein:
4 maintaining the environment includes creating and managing environment
5 data.

1 10. The machine-readable medium of claim 8 embodying additional
2 instructions, the additional instructions when executed by a processor, causing
3 the processor to perform the method wherein:
4 interacting with the states includes receiving indications of success or
5 failure from the states, supplying environment data to the states and receiving
6 changes to environment data from the states.

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